Basic information

2014/0052(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol See also 1994/0151(AVC) **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.04.02 Relations with Russian Federation **Geographical area** Russian Federation	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	LANDSBERGIS Gabrielius (PPE)	26/01/2015

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INTA International Trade		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	3428	2015-11-23

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
European External Action Service	MOGHERINI Federica

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/02/2014	Preparatory document	COM(2014)0101	Summary
18/07/2014	Legislative proposal published	11878/2014	Summary
15/01/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2015	Vote in committee		
10/04/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0129/2015	Summary
28/04/2015	Decision by Parliament	T8-0106/2015	Summary
28/04/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/11/2015	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/11/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/11/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2014/0052(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 1994/0151(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 100-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 091
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00379

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE549.251	12/02/2015	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0129/2015	10/04/2015	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0106/2015	28/04/2015	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	11513/2014	14/07/2014	
Legislative proposal	11878/2014	18/07/2014	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
For information	COM(2014)0100	26/02/2014	
Preparatory document	COM(2014)0101	26/02/2014	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2014)0102	26/02/2014	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2015/2194
OJ L 313 28.11.2015, p. 0020 Summary

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 26/02/2014

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: according to the Act of Accession of Croatia, the country is to accede to international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part was signed on 24 June 1994. The Agreement entered into force on 1 December 1997.

A Council Decision of 14 September 2012, authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned, in order to conclude the relevant protocols. The negotiations with the Russian Federation were successfully concluded.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 91, 100(2), 207 and 212, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and the Act of Accession of Croatia.

N.B.: the conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to adopt a decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

A parallel decision is proposed for the signature and provisional application of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

The European Parliament will be called upon to give its consent to this Protocol.

Main provisions: the proposed Protocol incorporates the Republic of Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to provide for the authentic version of the Agreement in the new official language of the EU.

The Protocol contains a clause specifying that the Agreement is amended following the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the Russian Federation in particular aims to:

- promote trade and investment, including trade in transport services,
- establishes a framework for cooperation in different sectors which is limited to an overall economic, financial and technical cooperation.

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 18/07/2014 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is called upon to adopt a decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

The proposed Protocol incorporates Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to providing the authentic version of the Agreement in the Croatian language.

For details are regards the main provisions of the Protocol and its economic implications, *please refer to the summary of the initial legislative proposal dated 26/02/2014*.

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 26/02/2014 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: according to the Act of Accession of Croatia, the country is to accede to international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part was signed on 24 June 1994. The Agreement entered into force on 1 December 1997.

A Council Decision of 14 September 2012, authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned, in order to conclude the relevant protocols. The negotiations with the Russian Federation were successfully concluded.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 91, 100(2), 207 and 212, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and the Act of Accession of Croatia.

N.B.: the conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to adopt a decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

A parallel decision is proposed for the signature and provisional application of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

The European Parliament will be called upon to give its consent to this Protocol.

Main provisions: the proposed Protocol incorporates the Republic of Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to provide for the authentic version of the Agreement in the new official language of the EU.

The Protocol contains a clause specifying that the Agreement is amended following the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the Russian Federation in particular aims to:

- promote trade and investment, including trade in transport services,
- establishes a framework for cooperation in different sectors which is limited to an overall economic, financial and technical cooperation.

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 10/04/2015 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Gabrielius LANDSBERGIS (PPE, LT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The parliamentary committee recommended that the European Parliament approve the conclusion of the agreement.

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 28/04/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 591 votes to 32, with 67 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 23/11/2015 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2015/2194 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

CONTENT: in accordance with Council Decision 2014/956/EU, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

Under this Council Decision, the Protocol is **hereby approved on behalf of the European Union and its Member States**.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

With the adoption of the adoption of this Protocol, Croatia is incorporated as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to providing the authentic version of the Agreement in the Croatian language.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 23.11.2015.